

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood will conduct the chapel service at the Retreat Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

James H. Robinson of Brattleboro has been appointed station agent at Belchertown in place of Frederick O. Wright, who has engaged in business for himself.

The women of the Universalist society will have a business meeting with Mrs. George S. Dowley Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting will be of unusual importance and every member is asked to be present.

Georgia F. Lewis, 45, daughter of the late Prof. and Mrs. John James Lewis, died in Brattleboro yesterday after a brief illness. The funeral will be held in her home in Hamilton, N. Y., tomorrow.

A gospel temperance meeting will be held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in the Auditorium at East North field, Mass., Monday at 2 p. m. Following is the program: Devotional service, Mrs. A. L. Prindle, song, A Saloonless Nation in 1920, reading, What Sort of a Man? by Robert Williams, winner of silver medal; collection for the temperance work; address, Mrs. Deborah Knox Livingston, national lecturer.

About 50 children of the junior department of the Centre Congregational Sunday school with teachers and guests making a total of about 70, spent a very enjoyable afternoon yesterday at Landonhurst on the invitation of the pastor, Rev. Roy M. Houghton. Games were played under the direction of Miss Faith Tyler and refreshments were served. The group was photographed by John C. Howe.

Mrs. T. H. Dudley (Lilly Brooks) of Santa Monica, Cal., and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Ryan, are in Brattleboro in a letter received a short time before war was declared. Mrs. Ryan said they were in St. Petersburg, but that they were planning to leave at once for Moscow. Mr. Dudley had arranged to leave New York today, but was forced to abandon his trip, as it is impossible for him to secure passage.

Those who attended the regular Friday evening meeting in the chapel of the Centre Congregational church last evening heard an intensely interesting talk by Mrs. Williston Walker of New Haven, Conn., on Our Responsibility for Our Homeland. Mrs. Walker outlined briefly the object of the various home missionary societies of the Congregational denomination, spoke of the work which is being done in various parts of the United States and New Mexico and urged that Congregationalists support their own societies and work first.

After Aug. 6 I will have a 5-passenger Ford car for carrying people either for pleasure or business, the following days of each week: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. I drive to please patrons. Prices reasonable. Phone 222, L. C. Hammond.

Taylor, the Tailor, Spruce street, becoming known rapidly; surrounding townspeople are getting repaired for winter business; more pressing past week; new work can't be beaten. Phone 349-X.

Buzzell's restaurant will serve a chicken dinner Sunday for 35 cents. Adv.

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DANCING

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Prof. Irving J. Calkins

to have general oversight of our dance floor for the balance of the season. Prof. Calkins has been a pupil of such famous dancing masters as the Castles, Dancing Kennedy's and Prof. Kithurbury of Chicago and will at intervals demonstrate the proper manner of dancing all of the popular dances which we have decided to permit.

Prof. Calkins will be in attendance at the Park at all times and will give private lessons at reasonable terms by appointment.

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SERIOUS FIRES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Electrical Storm Causes Much Damage

Butter Tub Factory, Several Dwellings and Stock Lost.

(Special to The Reformer.)

ST. ALBANS, Aug. 8.

Much damage was done last evening by an electrical storm in this locality. A large barn owned by L. L. Marsh of Enosburg Falls, was struck and destroyed. It contained a cow, and several calves, hens and hay and all were burned. Seven cows of P. C. Hammond of Franklin, lying near a wire fence, were struck and killed. Many telephone lines were put out of commission, many barns throughout Franklin county are reported struck and destroyed with considerable loss.

The butter tub factory of J. P. Hutchins at Montpelier Center was destroyed by fire last evening causing a loss of \$5000. The factory had a daily capacity of over 3000 butter tubs. Several dwelling houses near the mill also were consumed.

Fire late yesterday afternoon destroyed the house, shed and horse barn of Reuben Cheney in the south part of Morrisville. The property was insured for about \$1,000, but the loss will be much more than that. The fire started from a two-burner oil stove on the porch. Much valuable farm machinery was destroyed besides 100 cords of dry wood. The live stock was saved. Mr. Cheney probably will rebuild.

PERSONAL.

Miss McGinnis, nurse, of Bellows Falls is visiting friends in town.

Miss Helen Ray of New Haven came today to visit Mrs. Clyde Chamberlin.

Miss Ruth Rowell of Fitchburg, Mass., is a guest of Miss Marjorie Ellis.

Miss Marguerite Davis of Fitchburg is visiting at G. N. Bond's on Locust street.

Miss Alice Liscom joined a party of four on the excursion to Block Island this morning.

Mrs. W. B. Smith and son, Holland, went to Shelburne Falls today for a few days' visit.

Miss Anna Lillis of Brattleboro has joined the employ of the Holstein-Friesian Register.

Mrs. Fred Thomas and son, Gordon, are quarantined with chicken-pox at their home on Canal street.

Fred S. Knight will return to work Monday, after a two-weeks' vacation spent in town and in Putney.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Morse and two children have returned, after staying a week in Northfield, Mass.

Miss Margaret A. Walsh will leave Monday for her home in Bangor, Me. She will return about Sept. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froenbagen and daughter of Springfield, Mass., are weekend visitors at C. R. Freyenhagons.

Mrs. W. R. Noyes and son, Leighton, are expected to return tomorrow from Northfield, where they have been camping a week.

Rev. Gertrude Earle, pastor of the Universalist church at Methuen, Mass., is visiting Mrs. T. J. B. Chidworth on High street.

Valentine Marshhouse, bookkeeper in the Holstein-Friesian office, left this morning for Bridgeport, to spend a two-weeks' vacation.

Howard R. Miner and Charles Bacon will return Monday to their work for the Dapham Brothers Co., after a two-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Harry A. Bingham, who is ill with pneumonia at C. F. Bingham's on High street, is a little more comfortable today.

Mrs. Marion Jones and Howard Rice, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Soliday are spending the day in Springfield, Mass., with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Corse.

Mrs. L. L. Moore has returned from a two-weeks' visit with her brother, W. E. Timson, in New Bedford, Mass. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Timson saw the Rose Standish as she started amid cheers and music for the opening of the Cape Cod canal.

WEST WARDSBORO.

Walter Robinson of Brattleboro spent Sunday at H. A. Waite's.

Mrs. H. H. Forrester is visiting in Jamaica during Old Home week.

Miss Helen Akerson of Irvington, N. J., is visiting at J. A. Streeter's.

Albert T. Wagner and son, Laurence, of New York, are spending the week at L. B. Kendall's.

Prof. Fred U. Landman and family of Wolfboro Falls, N. H., visited at E. C. Young's last week.

Percy Nichols of Port Richmond, N. Y., returned home Friday, after spending several weeks at J. A. Streeter's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Patnode of Worcester, Mass., and C. E. Mann and family of Brattleboro recently visited at E. L. Pike's.

Mr. Johnson and Miss Jennie Johnson of Hartford, Conn., and Mr. Kinney of Boston, Mass., are guests at the Green Mountain House.

Mrs. Nina Scammon and two children of Wolfboro Falls, N. H., are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Scammon's sister, Mrs. E. C. Young.

Mrs. Emma Nute of Northampton, Mass., Mrs. Adie Sawyer, Miss Grace Sawyer, Mrs. Herbert Tower and daughter, Esther, of Springfield, Mass., are visiting relatives in town.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, an excursion to the summit of Stratton mountain is being planned by the Stratton Mountain club. Those desiring to take this trip are asked to notify Edgar W. Johnson. Everyone is invited.

The annual meeting of the Stratton Mountain club will be held at the Green Mountain House Tuesday evening, Aug. 11, at 7 p. m. At this meeting the members will decide whether this club shall become affiliated with the Green Mountain club. The annual trip will be made to Grout pond in Stratton, leaving here in the morning.

Los Angeles now claims a population of 515,000.

PERSONAL.

C. F. Thomas is spending a few days in Plattsburg, N. Y.

David Dobson went to Boston yesterday for an indefinite stay.

Jacob Kempf, Mrs. Carl Schorling and Miss Schorling left last night for Burlington.

Miss Masie Galvin will go to Dummerston to spend Sunday with Mrs. Josephine Wall.

Justin Moran went to Bellows Falls yesterday to visit until Tuesday with Edward Farrett.

The N. E. O. P. will hold a regular meeting Monday evening in Red Men's hall at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Onkes and son will go to the Onkes cottage on the river tomorrow to stay a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Roberts and daughter, Malva, went to Wilmington today to spend Sunday with relatives.

Robert Kenney is expected today from Philadelphia to visit his mother, Mrs. Nora L. Kenney of Chapin street.

Mrs. H. D. F. Hilliard of Dover, Delaware, has been a guest this week of Mrs. J. E. McKee of South Main street.

Miss Margaret Finley and Miss Flora Boyce of St. Stephen, N. B., are guests of Miss Katharine Fleming of Oak street a few days.

There were 100 passengers from Brattleboro this morning on the second Central Vermont excursion of the year to Block Island.

Robert O. Mitchell of Williston street has a brother, Charles, traveling in Europe. No word has been received from him since the outbreak of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kempf, who left here early in July on their wedding trip to Germany, were in Antwerp just before the outbreak of hostilities.

Herbert E. Shaw left this afternoon for Portland, Me., to join his family for a two-weeks' vacation. Mrs. Shaw and child have been spending several weeks there.

Mrs. George Kenney and two children, Otis and Ruth, returned to their home in Gardner, Mass., this morning, after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Perham.

An electric fan has been installed in the rest room this week. Another fan will be installed as soon as the management can be sure of funds to cover the expense.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Tasker and son, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Robie, and Mrs. Dora Mueller went today to the Tasker cottage on the Connecticut river to spend two weeks.

Rev. Father M. J. Carmody and H. B. Haus and son, Bernard, returned last night from Bennington, where they went by automobile Wednesday to visit Rev. Father Carmody's sister, Mrs. Halton.

Rev. E. S. Hewitt of Providence, R. I., will speak in the Advent Christian church tomorrow. The subject in the morning will be, The Glory of God, and in the evening he will have for his subject, The Brotherhood of Man.

H. Mann of New Haven, Conn., for mer state bank examiner and a former resident of Wilmington and Brattleboro, was in town this morning on his way to Wilmington, accompanied by George A. Bank of Springfield, Mass.

Miss Mary Wakefield, who formerly was assistant superintendent at the Memorial hospital, came today to spend a month with Miss Schumacher at the latter's bungalow on Ames hill. Miss Wakefield is now superintendent of a hospital in New Jersey.

Rev. F. B. Meyer of London, England, will speak in Northfield tomorrow in the Auditorium at 10:45 in the morning and at 8 o'clock in the evening. Prof. J. Hope Moulton of Manchester, England, will speak at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Prof. Moulton is a son of Dr. James Moulton, who was one of the revisers of the Old Testament.

What Rural Schools Will Sometime Be. According to Farm and Fireside E. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, has aligned himself with those who have a vision of what rural schools must sometime be. Following is Mr. Claxton's idea:

"Every rural school will one day have attached to it a farm of twenty or thirty acres provided with a house for the teacher and the teacher's family. This farm will be a kind of model farm, if properly operated by the teacher, and a center of the agricultural and social life of the district."

And, he might add, when the time comes the examination of the teacher for his certificate may safely be confined to his ability to manage this farm and to make it produce."

Don't Let Young Chickens Get Wet. In the Poultry Raising department of Farm and Fireside a contributor advises dipping hens in hog lye to get rid of lice. The editor gives the following advice:

"In no case should the dipping of poultry be undertaken unless the weather is sufficiently warm so that the birds will not be chilled, unless they can be kept in a room artificially warmed until their feathers are perfectly dry. Little chicks should not be treated with this solution until a month or two old, as their skins are delicate and a chill may finish them."

An effective lice powder for poultry is made by mixing three parts gasoline and one part of crude carbolic acid 90 per cent pure. Then add gradually sufficient plaster of Paris to absorb all the moisture, making a powder that will sift through a dusting can."

DEATHS.

In Brattleboro, Aug. 7, Georgia F. Lewis, 45, of Hamilton, N. Y.

BIRTHS.

In Brattleboro, Aug. 7, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Colt.

Omar Khayyam, the Persian poet, was born in Nishapur and died in his native town in 1123. While he was an astronomer and mathematician, he has come down to fame only as the author of the Rubaiyat.

WESTMINSTER WEST.

Mrs. Joanna Baldwin.

Mrs. Joanna Baldwin, 78, died in Newport, this state, Thursday, July 30. Mrs. Baldwin was a daughter of Asa Houghton of this town and her home was here until her marriage to Thomas Baldwin of Coventry. After Mr. Baldwin's death, which occurred a few years later, she, with her two little daughters, came back to her father's.

She remained several years, going from here to Newport, which had since been her home. Mrs. Baldwin is well remembered by many people here. Her bright, happy disposition made her many friends wherever she lived.

Besides her two daughters, who have both married and live in Newport and who gave their mother devoted care and attention during her declining years, she leaves one sister, Mrs. Sarah Goodell of Bellows Falls.

Mrs. Lydia Blood of Bellows Falls is staying at George Gould's.

P. S. Clark of Bellows Falls spent Sunday at the house of his father, J. H. Clark.

Mrs. F. S. Harlow of Malden came to her summer cottage here the first of the week.

Mrs. Flathers of Nashua, N. H., was a guest of Mrs. Florence Dunham the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harlow were called to Malden, Mass., to attend the funeral of Mr. Harlow's aunt, Mrs. Thurston, who died suddenly the first of last week.

Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Stowell of Windsor visited at the home of their uncle, A. D. Kerr, last week.

Miss Marian Harlow went to Red Hook, N. Y., Monday to visit her aunt, Mrs. George Hubbard.

Several from this village attended services at Rockingham in the old church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Miller and little daughter, Eleanor, and Lyle Miller of Westminster are spending a week with Mrs. Charles Harlan and Mrs. Martha Miller.

It has been decided that the entertainment to be given by the Ladies' Aid society will take place Aug. 20. The program has been only partially arranged, but it is expected that Mrs. Dunham and Roy Spooner will sing and Mrs. Bessie J. Mason of Boston will give readings. Further announcement will be given next week.

JACKSONVILLE.

Rev. Mr. Hodgden will preach in the Methodist church Sunday, Aug. 9, at 2:30.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown entertained Mr. and Mrs. Greely Brown of Wilmington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Penfield and son of Bridgeport, Conn., are spending a few days at the Glen House.

Mrs. Ophelia Pike entertained the Larkin club Friday. The usual good time was spent. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Among the boarders at A. J. Faulkner's are Mrs. Werner and family of Waterbury, Conn. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Corkins entertained their daughters and their families, Mrs. Truman Dix and Mrs. Austin E. Plumb, last week.

Mrs. Alta (Starr) Cressy of Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. Nettie (Starr) Clement of Brooklyn after spending a few days with friends, have returned to their homes.

Miss Margaret Ray and Miss Hilma Adams of Wilmington, who came down on their wheels, to spend a few days with Miss Mabel Stetson, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Stetson have been entertaining their friend, Miss Melvina Robare, a trained nurse from North Adams. She returned to her home the first of the week.

Mrs. Abigail Murdock is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Plumb of Greenfield. Mr. and Mrs. Plumb were in town on business Saturday.

Mr. Plumb called on Mrs. Lula Pierce and other friends.

Mrs. Frank Reed and daughter, Mildred, who have been spending the summer months in town, returned to their home in Shelburne Falls Tuesday for a few days. They were accompanied by Edward Goodell.

Mrs. Martha Fuller has stored her goods and will keep house for W. Lowe while Mrs. Lowe is in the sanatorium. Mr. Lowe, who has been living at the Fuller homestead, has recently moved back to his home.

Sixteen old friends and acquaintances from far and near met at the home of Mrs. Emory Reed on Wednesday last for congratulations and sociality. Many of the friends had formerly lived in this vicinity a quarter of a century ago. The affair was a complete success and it will long be remembered by all who were present.

The ladies' social circle of the Universalist church met with Mrs. George Shippee Tuesday, Thursday, Aug. 13, the circle will meet with Miss Minerva Allen. At this time the undecided local contest of one year ago will be brought out, between the single and married people. All are cordially invited.

Rev. Ernest Staples will preach in the Universalist church Sunday, Aug. 9 at 10:45. Through an invitation of Mr. Staples the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their families will attend in a body. Mr. Werner of Waterbury, Conn., will sing two solos. Sunday school at 12 o'clock; Y. P. C. U. will meet at 7:30, subject, The Town of Friendship; Our Need of Friends. All are welcome.

The Rose club held their annual picnic with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Brown in Wilmington Saturday. Those present were Austin Plumb and family of Brattleboro, Frank Reed and family of Shelburne Falls, C. A. Faulkner and family, John Coleman and family, Estance Temple and family of this place and Charles Cutting and family of Wilmington. Baseball and other games were played and refreshments were served basket picnic style. Dancing was enjoyed in the tent in the evening. All pronounced the affair a grand success.

Unique Experiment With Peanuts. A woman living at Bath, Me., not knowing how to plant peanuts, experimented on fourteen rows by planting one row with the peanuts shelled and the next row with them in the shell. Those shelled did not come up, rotting in the ground, but the alternate rows came up, bearing the shells upon the stocks, like the squash seeds or the acorn shells of the oak sprouts.

Greater London is composed of 28 city boroughs and 29 suburban towns.

VEGETABLE "400" TO CUT LIVING COST

University Professor Predicts Pedigreed Crops.

TO BE ONLY KIND, HE SAYS.

Foresees the Time When the Ancestry of Pumpkins, Beans and Onions Will Be Subjected to Careful Inquiry. Plant Breeding as an Insurance Against Periods of Drought.

The aristocratic string bean, the blue blooded onion, the naughty rhubarb plant of high lineage and the snobbish squash, which grows on a vine, but which, nevertheless, has a family tree—these and other social lights of the vegetable Four Hundred will freeze the high cost of living ogre by their haughty stares.

Figuratively and in brief, this is the economic idea presented by Professor John M. Coulter, head of the department of botany at the University of Chicago, who gave a lecture in Mandel hall, entitled "The New Attack on the Problem of Food Supply." "Pedigree culture," or plant breeding, according to Professor Coulter, will relieve the world's population of the fear of shortage in the food supply for many generations to come.

Will Seek Pedigreed Vegetables. His lecture wrought in the minds of auditors, says the Chicago News, the vision of grocery stores of the future, where every slanting tray of fresh vegetables would bear its tagged pedigree, and housewives might demand to know the ancestry of a pumpkin or a pineapple and skeptically examine a nervous turnip, not for its jacket, but for its coat of arms.

"The general purpose of plant breeding is to improve the old races and to produce new ones," said Professor Coulter. "The old method has been that known as mass selection. This familiar method consists in selecting the best individuals from a crop, raising a new crop from them, making another selection and so on from generation to generation until the desired improvement has been obtained. It is evident that this method, since it deals with numerous individuals, secures only a high average and does not secure the best that is in sight."

"The new method of pedigree culture was started upon a large experimental scale near the beginning of this century at the famous Swedish experiment station at Svalof. Instead of selecting large numbers of individuals a single most desirable individual was selected and pedigreed. As a consequence, instead of submerging numerous individual peculiarities into a general average, the particular advantages of individuals were preserved, and very many desirable races of crop plants were secured."

Insurance Against Droughts. "Pedigree culture has also succeeded in securing drought resistant races of our most important crops, and the method can be extended to include all of our crops. This will mean insurance against drought in regions where crops are now cultivated and also the extension of such crops into the arid regions."

"The same method has also secured disease resistant races, so that the annual destruction wrought by diseases of plants can be eliminated."

"All this does not mean that mass selection is an abandoned method. It simply means that pedigree culture supplements it in a most efficient way."

"If to these new methods of plant breeding there be added the modern methods of handling the soil, so that plants of possible maximum yield in each region can be made actually to produce the maximum yield, the resulting increase will be enormous."

NAVY NEEDS A NEW TARGET.

May Sacrifice Either the Iowa or Indiana to Big Gun Practice.

Now that the old battleship Texas, renamed the San Marcos when the new super-Dreadnought Texas was authorized, has been shot to pieces and there is nothing more of her left to shoot at, the navy is beginning to speculate as to which of the old battleships will be the next assigned to the Atlantic fleet for target work.

Among the vessels that have been suggested to take the place of the San Marcos are the Massachusetts, the Indiana and the Iowa, ships that formed the backbone of the American fleet that destroyed Cervera's squadron at Santiago in 1898. It has even been suggested that all three of these ships be used as targets for the Atlantic fleet.

Naval officers argue that the training and information that result from the use of a battleship as a target are far more valuable than any cash sum that might result from the sale of such ships to junk dealers or second class naval powers.

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TODAY

Conscience

A Broncho Two-Part Photodrama

In the Spider's Web

Majestic Drama

Too Much Turkey

Princess Comedy

PATHE DAILY NEWS

Seven hundred Greeks arrive to take their recently purchased U. S. Battleship "Mississippi" to be used against Austria in the event Greece becomes an active ally in the Austria-Servian war. OTHER NEWS ALSO.

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENING FEATURE

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Matinee Sunday at 3 P. M. Evening at 7.45. ADMISSION 5c AND 10c

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